

TOPIC Miscellaneous VP Information

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1. On 12 February 1953, [REDACTED] a VP main clothing depot at the former textile school in Cottbus. The depot which had, allegedly, been established there in October 1952, was said to stock 20,000 to 23,000 items of clothing and underwear. According to a VP man, the unit at the Cottbus airfield continuously picked up clothing at this depot. About 30 two-ton trucks for personnel and 20 BMW sedans were seen in the garages of the depot. The textile school also quartered a VP unit of about 100 men and the VP Bezirk administration. Foundations for radio towers of a transmitting station were under construction in the area of the school. Components of the towers had already arrived.¹

2. On 13 February, [REDACTED] 12 to 14 new tanks had arrived for the VP unit in Kochstedt in the night of 8 February.²

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3. On 21 January, [REDACTED] accommodations for the VP were being built in great haste near Teplitzer Strasse and Zellescher Weg in Dresden and that equipment and weapons including carbines, machine guns, mortars and artillery pieces were being trucked there.³

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4. On 19 January, [REDACTED] the first medical course of the VP in Erfurt was to be followed, in January, by another one, which was to be attended exclusively by young trainees. In late January, all the instructors of the school were to attend a course on how to deal with the effects of modern means of combat.

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5. In early February, [REDACTED] the KVP rest center in Freienwalde had been occupied since 1 February. The rest center is used by officers and RM.

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6. On 17 January, [REDACTED] the VP engineer unit which had been stationed at the Fuenfeichen Camp near Neubrandenburg until early December 1952, had moved to the former Reich Labor Service Camp at Treuenbrietzen. The unit, which [REDACTED] consisted of 350 to 400 men. Oberkommissar Adler (fnu), a former tank officer, and Oberkommissar or VP Rat Seppel (fnu), a former dive bomber pilot, belonged to this unit.

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The Fuenfeichen Camp was reoccupied by three other units, which were, allegedly, under the command of Major Kieslich (fnu). Some of the officers of the engineer unit previously stationed at the camp were taken over by the new unit, also an engineer outfit. Light weapons and trucks were observed. ⁴

7. On 3 February, the engineer unit commanded by Major Kieslich was still stationed at the Fuenfeichen Camp. Kieslich had reportedly been chief of staff of the unit which moved to Treuenbrietzen. Senior Lieutenant Pezold (fnu) was chief of staff at Fuenfeichen. Demonstrations in the construction of emergency bridges were allegedly given every day on the small lake near the camp. Several pontoons were seen in front of the garage behind the former estate. The camp was heavily guarded. ⁴
8. In mid-December, [] Gera was soon to become the post of a VP division. The former Modrach factory at 109 Wiesen Strasse was being reconditioned to serve as VP accommodations. It was, allegedly, also planned to move vehicles of the continuously growing motor vehicle park of the VP unit in Gera-Lusan to this factory. About 100 motor vehicles, most of them parked under emergency shelters, were observed at Lusan. From 10 to 15 new vehicles are said to arrive every week at this place. ⁵
9. In mid-December, the VP unit in Gera-Lusan comprised infantry, tank, artillery, and engineer troops. The unit underwent heavy training, also at night, in the area between Gera and Dorna. ⁵
10. In mid-January 1953, the artillery unit of the VP Verband in Gera moved to Modrach factory on Wiesen Strasse. Newly recruited VP members were transferred, after a short period, to new VP posts. [] the VP suffered from a lack of qualified NCOs. ⁵
11. On 23 January, [] weapons of the VP unit stationed at Gloewen were repaired at the barracks installation of Perleberg airfield. From 10 to 12 barrel wipers 5.5 meters long, allegedly for the VP unit in Gloewen, were seen at the firm of Klipp in Perleberg. ⁶
12. About 5 p.m. on 2 February, 400 to 500 VP NCOs were seen at Halle railroad station. The NCOs, who carried light baggage, marched in groups of about 25 toward the city. ⁷
13. From 26 January through 4 February, a VP detail of about 100 IM and several officers from Grossenhain was receiving training in mine laying at the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds. The detail was quartered in Neues Lager and trained by Soviet officers. It had a red pennant with a white 11 in it.

1. [] Comment. The utilization of the former textile school in Cottbus by the VP is reported for the first time. The Hq and the 1st Regt of the 1st VP Air Div are located at Cottbus airfield. The unit observed in the school probably was the guard battalion of the BDVP Cottbus, the members of which wear the blue uniforms of the general police. It is not clear whether the motor vehicles reported belonged to the VP air unit at the airfield or to the BDVP.
2. [] Comment. The 1844th VP Cadre Div is carried in Dessau-Kochstedt. It is believed that the new tanks were delivered to this unit.
3. [] Comment. The tactical school in Dresden-Reick is the only VP unit stationed in Dresden. The construction work observed may be connected with the activation in this city of a headquarters of an Armeegruppe, for which there are several indications.

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4. [] Comment. In December 1952, the engineer battalion of the division in Eggesin and the engineer battalion of the division in Prenzlau besides an engineer battalion commanded by one Teller (fnu) were stationed at the Fuenfeichen Camp. The two former battalions were under the command of Captain Kieslich and Krause respectively. These three battalions may be identical to the three new engineer units mentioned [] [] is an engineer instruction unit, which, until September 1952, was under the command of VP Oberrat (Major) Koefert or Koefertl (fnu). There were indications that Koefert was to assemble three engineer battalions at Treuenbrietzen for Armeegruppe Mitte. It is unknown whether [] continued as an independent engineer instruction unit side by side with the engineer battalions in Fuenfeichen and Treuenbrietzen.

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5. [] Comment. The [] VP Cadre Div is stationed in Gera. It is possible that this unit is to be expanded into a full-strength division and to be assigned to one of the new Armeegruppen.

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6. [] Comment. Artillery school [] is located in Gloewen.

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7. [] Comment. The signal school and a KVP cadre division are located in Halle. The NCOs observed were possibly to attend a course at the signal school.

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